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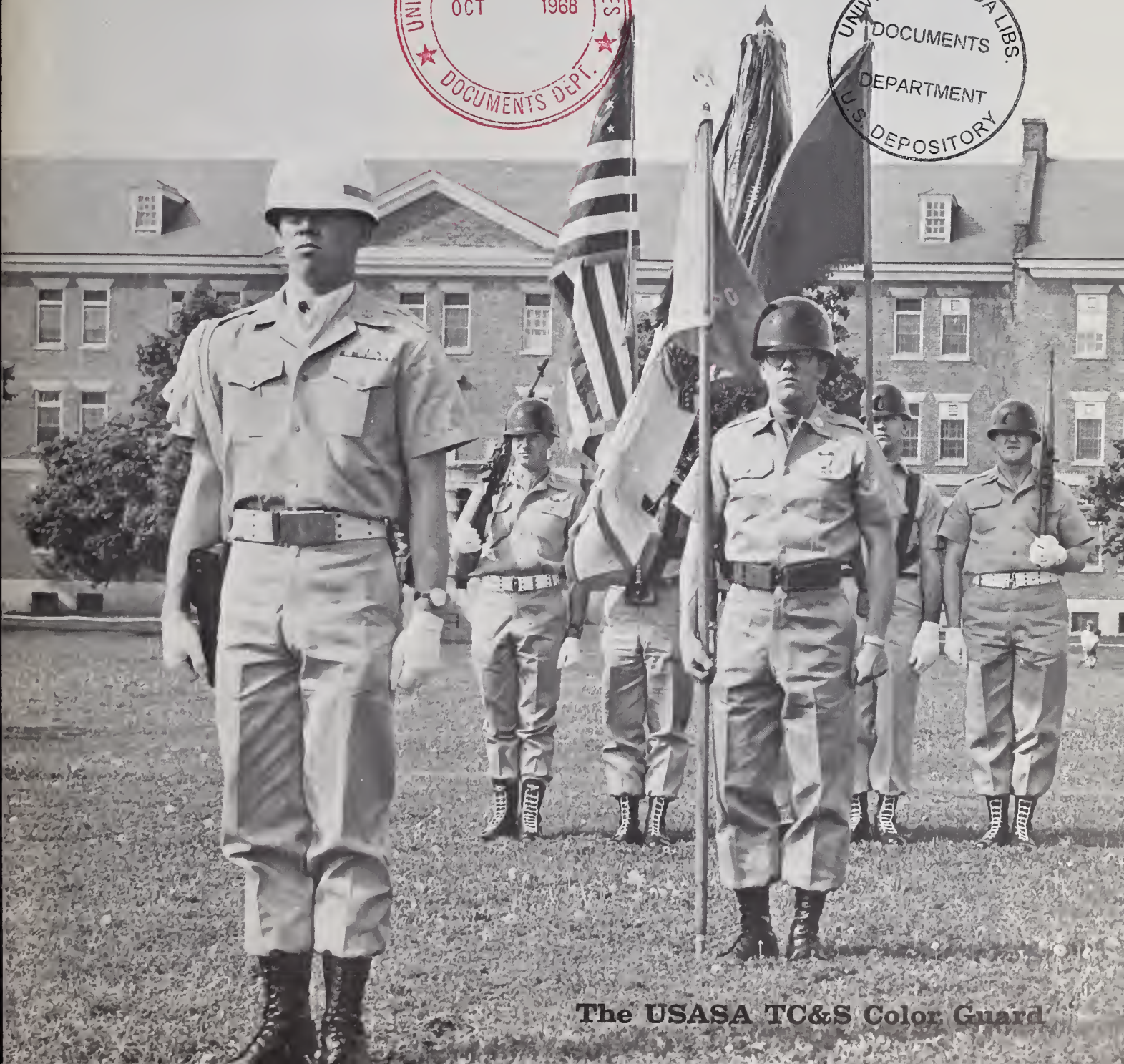
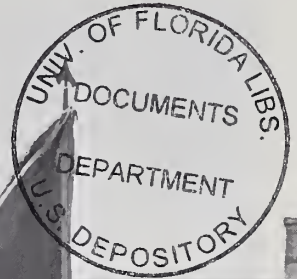
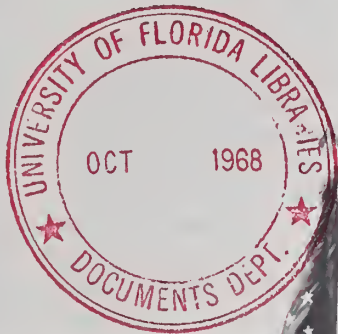
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The USASA TC&S Color Guard



Benefit Association Marks Successful Year

This month, USASA's Benefit Association is one year old. For an infant organization, it has done an amazingly grown-up job.

So far more than \$45,000 has been collected from USASA personnel in units around the world. Next of kin of deceased Agency personnel have already received \$11,000 and there is an additional \$88,000 commitment for educational grants to the children of these men.

The long-range goal of the Benefit Association is \$200,000 by 1972. Judging from first-year response, it looks as if this goal will be easily reached and surpassed; but undue optimism is risky business, and we can't afford to be complacent about the Benefit Association.

Sometimes it hurts a bit to give—servicemen are not usually distinguished by their opulence. Here's an anesthetic to the pain, some letters received by the secretary of the Benefit Association.

The mother of one deceased Agency man wrote, "This fine gesture on the part of the Army Security Agency, makes me even prouder that my son served in that Command."

Referring to the \$1,000 per year, four-year college grants that her children will receive, the wife of a USASA man who died on active duty said, "I know of no finer way that the memory of my husband could be honored than the educational grants that the men of the Army Security Agency have provided for my children."

These comments typify many that have been received, and, as this USASA wife has correctly noted, the men of the Agency deserve all the plaudits. USASA's Benefit Association does not rely upon a few grand philanthropic gestures or the nebulous "they"; it depends entirely upon USASA people putting hand in pocket and giving what they can.

There is no specific annual goal or drive for the Benefit Association. There's no harassment, no browbeating, because there's no need. The heartening first year response to USASABA came from sober, pressure-free recognition of what the program can and will do.

Commanding officers of USASA units are free to approach fund-raising activities in any manner they deem best. Some of the ways and means of generating interest and donations have shown a special—at times theatrical—flair.

Korea's 508th Group sponsors a multitalented troupe that performs at all Agency units in Korea with proceeds going to the Benefit Association.

Kagnew Station in Asmara, Ethiopia, conducted a highly successful "Monte Carlo Night" and channeled the profits into the Benefit Association's treasury.

In addition, Officers Clubs, NCO Clubs, sporting clubs and wives clubs have devoted considerable effort in helping USASABA grow.

As the assets mount, so do the commitments. By 1970, many of those eligible for the educational grants will be starting college. As the number increases, so will the Benefit Association's expenditures.

USASABA needs the full support of everyone in the Agency. Without it the commitments cannot be met, it cannot survive.

The First Anniversary marks an encouraging start to the Benefit Association. It is USASA's maiden voyage in this kind of "people helping people" program.

There are clear skies ahead, the wind is at our back.

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OUR COVER

The TC&S Color Guard is shown with classroom buildings in the background. The CO of the unit is 2LT Michael G. Vranek. Members of the Color Guard are: SP4 Steven Epkins; SSG Norman W. Pape; SSG Ishamel Honeycutt; SSG R. A. Butterbaugh; SP4 Phillip Debusk; and PVT Robert L. Morgan.

SP6 Earns

Lieutenant's Bars

"People kept telling me I had to have a college degree. They said I couldn't get a direct commission without one."

Robert Richardson was a Specialist 6 three months ago—today he is a second lieutenant. At a ceremony Aug. 22, in the office of MG Charles J. Denholm, Commanding General, 2LT Richardson began active duty as a commissioned officer in the Military Intelligence Branch.

His efforts to get a commission began nearly two years ago when he was an enlisted man stationed in Saigon.

Between his military job and his volunteer work teaching English at the Vietnamese-American Association—a good will activity between the two countries—2LT Richardson found time to study the regulations on direct commissions at the USARV Library.

The research paid dividends. He found that, contrary to what many had

told him, a college degree was not always necessary for a direct commission. A person with his experience, rank, and time in service was eligible, so in November 1966 he submitted his application.

Six months later in May 1967, 2LT Richardson's ETS arrived, but the decision on his commission request was still pending. He was actually out-processing in Oakland when he decided to re-enlist in the hope that eventually he would get his commission.

The commission in the Army Reserve came seven months later in December. He did not request concurrent duty but waited until August 1968 to begin active duty as an officer.

2LT Richardson admitted that although the commissioning ceremony was quite an honor, it was strangely anticlimactic. "I guess the frustration and encouragement leading up to the

commission were the big things," he said.

2LT Richardson overcame the frustration, cultivated the encouragement, and now he is an officer taking the Research Intelligence Officers Course at Ft. Holabird, Md.

Mrs. Genevieve Richardson came from Kansas City, Mo., to be at her son's commissioning ceremony. Her comment concisely summed up the day's events: "He is a very deserving young man."



2LT Richardson and his mother, Genevieve, following the ceremony.

Am I eligible to apply for a direct commission? Many USASA soldiers can answer in the affirmative.

Individuals without a college degree can apply if they have been in grade E-5 or above for at least six months and if they possess exceptional qualifications.

Anyone who has at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college and a year of graduate study in his major field or a year of practical work experience is also eligible to apply for a direct commission.

The bulk of direct commissions are tendered upon college graduates. Selection and grade appointment depend heavily upon the applicant's field of specialization, his degree and his practical work experience.

For example, an enlisted man with a B.S. degree in engineering and a year of work as an engineer could apply for and probably receive a direct commission as a second lieutenant.

The same person with a graduate degree or several years working experience might be commissioned a first lieutenant, or in some cases, even a captain.

Aside from appointments to the Judge Advocate General's Corps, most direct commissions carry with them a two-year active duty commitment and are generally accompanied by a request for concurrent active

duty—that is, duty as an officer immediately upon receiving the commission.

Since the commission is in the Army Reserve, however, active duty can be requested at a later time, as 2LT Richardson did.

The decision to apply for a direct commission is, of course, a personal one and one that should be given serious consideration. Talk to an officer who knows you and can give a good appraisal of your situation; ask him about becoming an officer and if he feels you should apply for a commission.

Unit Personnel Offices can provide you with all the procedural details and there is an exceptionally readable regulation on the subject, AR 135-100.

Direct commission standards are necessarily high. An applicant's qualifications are carefully examined and he is required to make a personal appearance before an examining board of officers. The complete process, from initial application to commissioning, usually takes at least six months.

The standards are rigid and the process somewhat lengthy, but a commission as an officer is worth the effort.

Should you apply?



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



SP5 Emma O'Brien has been named WAC of the Year at Vint Hill Farms. Her husband, SSG Thomas O'Brien, works in the Processing Center.

Ethiopia—On September 16, AFRTS staffer Paul Webb broadcast for 12 hours from the roof of the radio-TV studio. SP5 Webb had promised to do this if over \$2,500 was raised for USASABA during a mammoth 62-hour radio-TV marathon broadcast. "The Fun of Giving" was the fund slogan.

Inter-company competition raised more than \$1,000 of the record-breaking total. Methods included four remote broadcasts, bidding for records, a televised dance and entertainment show, and "selling" radio and TV time. For example, one high-bidding unit "bought" time so their favorite guard dogs could appear on television.

"Happy New Year" was the greeting September 11 in Ethiopia! The Ethiopian calendar is different from both the Julian and Gregorian calendar. The year starts in the Ethiopian Spring following the rainy season and contains 12 months of 30 days. The five

"extra" days are called Pagume. The clock is different too—our 6 a.m. is their 12 noon, etc.

Florida—SP4 James Overholser has left Pensacola Det. for Infantry OCS.

Georgia—Agency recruiters SFC John W. Clifford, Ft. Jackson, and SSG Wyman O. Roten, Atlanta Main (Recruiting) Station received Outstanding Recruiter Certificates at the Annual Recruiting Conference in Atlanta during August.

Germany—FS Rothwesten's Security Police Platoon was selected as the official American Honor Guard at the 10th Annual International Music Festival in Kassel this summer. An honor guard was chosen by each of the four NATO countries participating at Kassel. More than 15,000 attended the Festival.

2LT Ronald W. Tuschmidt, 319th USASA Bn, recently received a direct commission.

Greenland—The men of Sig Rsch Unit 7, Thule, have constructed a complete playground for the 23 children of a nearby Danish village. Here at the northernmost military base in the world (beyond magnetic North) the temperature goes to 70° below zero with 140 mph winds!

Hawaii—"I shall return." GEN Ralph

E. Haines, new CINCUSAPAC, was very impressed by USASAPAC headquarters during a recent visit to Heleman and told BG George A. Godding, Chief, USASPAC, that he would like to return soon.

Japan—2LT Larry R. Clevenger, FS Chitose, recently received a direct commission. He was formerly a traffic analyst.

FS Chitose claims their Finance Pay Section is the best in the entire Army. The Army Finance Center at Ft. Benjamin Harrison has not detected a single error in Chitose's records in over two years. That's really Zero Defects!

Kentucky—The 351st ASA Div Spt Co at Ft. Campbell has been deactivated along with the Sixth Inf Div it supported. Just *three* months ago Pass in Review reported the reactivation of this unit.

Korea—The 64 children at the Jo Sung Orphanage near Seoul lacked proper clothing. 1LT William Valentine of Co A, USASA Gp Korea, wrote a friend working at Plant 24 of the Grumman Aircraft Corp. in New York about the children's needs. The results were amazing—the plant employees sent 950 pounds of clothes which Co A personnel distributed to the happy children.



SSG James A. Easterling, SFC Ronald G. Ashworth and SSG Terrell D. Abendroth of Goodfellow Det. captured Instructor of the Month for three consecutive months in recently initiated tri-service competition in the Radiotelephone Training Dept at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. SFC Ashworth was later named Instructor of the Quarter.



HQ Co, MSC, captured the "Honor Company" decoration for the third time in a row during recent award ceremonies at Vint Hill Farms. LT David K. Eyster, CO, leads his award winning company past the reviewing stand.

Massachusetts—In September the 402d USASA Sp Ops Det (Abn) moved from Germany to Ft. Devens with its supported command, the 10th Special Forces Gp. An advance group had everything ready for the incoming soldiers. Upon arrival of the group, 1LT Garland H. Gibbs assumed command. SSM Anthony J. Cincotta, with the SOD program since its inception in 1961, joined the unit from the 403d. Mrs. Alvan C. Sinoff, wife of TC&S Comptroller LTC Sinoff, has been awarded a *Harold C. Case Scholarship* for academic achievement. Mrs. Sinoff, who plans to be a teacher, is a student at Boston University.

The former educational consultant of TC&S, Dr. William R. Tracey, has been named Director of Instruction at the School. Last year Dr. Tracey attended the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.—one of few civilians so honored.

Panama—SP4 Richard Speaker, USASASC, placed second in the Soldier of the Month competition for the entire US Army Southern Command after being named SOM for Ft. Clayton. SP4 Speaker, worked in public relations for the Federal Government before entering service. He once appeared in a televised discussion with Selective Service Director LTG Lewis B. Hershey and a month later he received his first draft notice . . .

Thailand—Sig Rsch Unit 11, Bangkok, received a Savings Bond Award for 100% savings bond participation for the fifth consecutive year!

The *Ramasun Relay*, semimonthly tabloid newspaper of the 7th RRFS,

Udorn, ran a cover *color* photograph of the Queen of Thailand in their August 16 edition. (August 12 was the Queen's birthday.) This is the first "full color" used in a unit newspaper.

Virginia—In August COL Harold E. Otiker, CO, FS Vint Hill Farms, greeted the 1,000th person to be given a post tour and briefing in 1968. This is a new record for the station.

All 311 soldiers of USAG, Arlington Hall Station, buy Savings Bonds according to the latest quarterly report. 100% military participation was also achieved by nine USASA Detachments. They were USARAL, Ft. Ord (PP&P), Ft. Jackson (PP&P), Ft. Gordon (Student), First, Third, Fifth and Sixth Armies and CONARC.

Children of the Vien Bao Anh Orphanage in Hue, Vietnam, are shown with HALL-MARK staffer SP4 John O. Broomall, former editor of the unit paper at the 8th RRFS. The 8th provided money, blankets and weekly medical and dental treatment for the youngsters.



THE LUCKY THIRTEEN...

The following 13 have recently been named Command Sergeants Major in the third increment of the Command Sergeants Major Program: James C. Anderson, USAG Arl Hall; James E. Boyette, TUSLOG Det 4; Harold J. Coleman, USASA Mat Spt Comd; Bernard L. Cromley, TC&S; Jacob S. Henry, 303d RR Bn; Jerry L. Holub, 318th USASA Bn;

Johnny M. Kelly, FS Berlin; Donald L. Martin, 224th Avn Bn; David O. Paxton, USASASC; William Prudhomme, HQ USASAPAC; Jefferson M. Rhodes, 301st USASA Bn; Euleut L. Rice, TC&S and Charles Shaffer, TC&S.

Previously named in the second increment were CSMs: Donald P. Baker, John C. Cannon, William C. Dials, Donald G. Fields, Francis G. Lormand, Robert W. Myers, John E. Scagliotti, Dean R. Shideler, Howard F. Smith, Lee K. Stikeleather and Hurley S. Tucker.

First named of the Agency's 25 CSMs was Clifford L. Charron, the Command Sergeant Major.

New Agency Staff Sergeants Major include: Bobbie G. Guhl, TC&S; Francis R. Robb, ASA Spt Gp; and Samuel H. Jones, USASA Mat Spt Comd.



ODCSPER

□ **MEDEVACS Can Stay With ASA**—If you are an enlisted man medically evacuated from a USASA unit, you can help yourself stay with the Agency by immediately notifying Headquarters, USASA, when you learn of your release date.

Although medical holding detachments report all USASA MEDEVACS to the Department of the Army for assignment instructions, only those with Agency-controlled MOSs are returned to USASA for assignment.

Those with non-Agency controlled MOSs, however, such as clerks, drivers, supply personnel, ADPs, etc., will normally be assigned by DA. If you become a MEDEVAC and have a non-Agency controlled MOS, write or call by autovon the Enlisted Assignment Branch, Headquarters, USASA, when you learn of your release date; it may insure your stay with the Agency.

□ **ITTs Open for 98Js**—Do you want an inter-theater transfer when you complete your oversea assignment? Vacancies in MOS 98J20 (Electronic Warfare Operator-Analyst) currently exist in TUSLOG Det 4 and USASA FS Asmara; after January 1969 there will also be openings in USASA FSs Chitose and Shemya.

Individuals assigned to long tour areas may volunteer for short tours and vice-versa although transfer requests must contain an agreement to extend the terms of enlistment, if necessary, to complete the prescribed tour in the area desired. Unit Personnel Offices have the details.

□ **Suggestions Bring Dual Awards**—Participation in the Army Suggestion Program can bring unit as well as individual recognition to USASA personnel. Individual recognition often takes the form of cash awards to the person whose suggestion is adopted, while units can receive a Suggestions Awards Plaque from the Commanding General, USASA, for outstanding achievement.

The unit or command with the highest rate of adopted suggestions is presented with a silver and walnut plaque noting its performance. This year's winner was the Communications Unit, Japan, with an adoption rate of 58 per cent. FS Shemya was close behind with 51 per cent.

A brass and walnut plaque is presented to the unit or command with the highest rate of participation. The Agency's Detachment at USARAL was the FY 1968 winner with a rate of 51 per cent; the TC&S at Ft. Devens, Mass., was second and FS Homestead third.

□ **New Benefit for Disabled Veterans**—Veterans with service-connected disabilities who qualify for vocational rehabilitation training are now eligible for a part-time training allowance. Formerly, only veterans taking full-time vocational rehabilitation training were entitled to an allowance. The new measure, recently signed into law by President Johnson, will enable veterans to take part-time training so that they can work while they learn.

□ **Two Agency-MOS VRBs Cancelled**—Two USASA-connected MOSs have been dropped from the Variable Reenlistment Bonus program effective this month. MOS 05K (Teletype Interceptor) and 98H (Voice Countermeasures Operator) no longer draw VRBs. These two MOSs commanded multipliers of four, and were the only multipliers of four dropped in the recent cutdown of 19 Army MOSs from the bonus program.

□ **Career Programs Get Emphasis**—The Officer Special Career Program, designed to produce qualified officers in highly specialized fields, is receiving increased emphasis by the Department of the Army.

There are 11 career fields now open and interested officers are urged to look into them. These officer programs are governed by Army Regulations in the 614 series, specifically:

Intelligence Subspecialist, AR 614-41; Atomic Energy, AR 614-131; Logistics, AR 614-132; Procurement, AR 614-133 Civil Affairs, AR 614-134, Research and Development, AR 614-135; Comptroller, AR 614-136; Automatic Data Processing, AR 614-138; Operations Research/Systems Analysis, AR 614-139; and Information, AR 614-140.

Participants in the program will also be offered a wide range of educational opportunities on the graduate school level and, in most cases, their subsequent assignments will be in the special career branches they have chosen.

If you are interested in specialized and challenging work, and one of these Officer Special Career Programs interests you, see your Administration Officer or AR Reference Library for the appropriate AR.

□ **NCO Open Mess Membership Expanded**—The Department of the Army in a recent letter says that effective immediately the privilege of active membership in NCO Open Messes, usually known as NCO Clubs, is extended to everyone in the grade of E-4 and above.

□ **Air Discounts Offered Overseas Servicemen**—USASA servicemen overseas planning to go on leave to CONUS can take advantage of the round trip discount fares offered by 27 U.S. and foreign airlines. Discounts go as high as one-third off the regular economy fare provided the round trip is completed within 30 days.

To qualify for the special rates a person must be traveling at his own expense in an authorized leave status and possess a DD Form 1580 (Military Standby Authorization for Commercial Air Travel).

The savings are considerable. For example, a serviceman can fly round trip between Munich and New York for \$365—a savings of about \$207.

Round trip fares between Seoul, Korea and points in the United States range from \$489 to \$643 depending upon the stateside destination point. Airlines have the details on flights available and any restrictions that exist.

ODSCOM

□ **Cost Reduction Wins and Losses**—USASA's effort in the Cost Reduction Management Improvement Program for fiscal year 1968 was generally encouraging; the Agency won the overall dollar battle, even though it lost a few skirmishes.

USASA, as a major field command, receives cost reduction goals each fiscal year from the Department of the Army in management improvement areas applicable to the Agency's mission. The goals in turn are prorated and assigned to subordinate commands and certain Headquarters elements.

For FY 1968 the Agency was assigned a little more than \$1 million apportioned throughout 12 cost reduction areas. As the results come in, it appears likely that USASA will surpass its cost reduction dollar goal by more than \$200,000.

Yet in a few management improvement areas, USASA fell short of the mark. In Value Engineering, Equipment Maintenance Management, Telecommunications Management and Major Items of Equipment the assigned goals were not reached—but FY 1969 is here and with it comes an opportunity for improvement.

AG

□ **Enlistment Quota Met for First Time**—Thanks to the efforts of its 49 recruiters across the United States, USASA met and exceeded its enlistment quota for the first time in more than 20 years of recruiting. Figures for fiscal year 1968 show that 8,310 persons enlisted in the Agency—topping the quota by more than 1,000—for 114 per cent of the assigned objective.

□ **Korean Medal Authorized**—The more than 1,500 USASA personnel who have served in Korea since Oct. 1, 1966, are now eligible to wear the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service there. Contrary to some reports, the medal was not fully authorized for wear until its official approval by the Department of Defense in the latter part of August.

This award is popularly termed a "Cold War Medal," or a medal awarded for service in a non-combat zone during a period of time in which troops are being deployed for specific maneuvers.

ODCSR&D

□ **R&D Employee Wins Army-Wide Award**—Ronald J. Goldstein, a 27-year-old electronic engineer with Research and Development, recently won an Army Research and Development Award for 1968—one of only 23 awards given this year. In the award citation, Mr. Goldstein was praised for his work as project engineer for the development of an operational system which included the establishment of a data collecting network, communications, operating doctrine and criteria, and the development of the data analysis and evaluation capability. LTG Austin W. Betts, Chief, Research and Development, Department of the Army, presented the award to Mr. Goldstein in a ceremony last month.

□ **New DCS R&D Takes Over**—COL Jack F. Riggins is the new Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development. COL Riggins comes to Arlington Hall Station from USARAL where he was Commanding Officer of the 171st Infantry Brigade. He succeeds COL Robert Sherwood who has retired.

ODCSFOR

□ **COL Brust Named DCSFOR**—COL Robert P. Brust recently assumed his new position as Deputy Chief of Staff, Force Development. COL Brust's last assignment was in the Office of the Chief of Staff for Force Department, Department of the Army.

SJA

□ **New Courts Martial Manual Authorized**—A new "Manual for Courts Martial" authorized by Executive Order last month will become effective Jan. 1, 1969. It will supersede the old manual prescribed in 1951 when the Uniform Code of Military Justice first went into effect.

Most of the changes included are procedural ones reflecting changes in military law in the past 18 years which resulted from amendments to the UCMJ and decisions of the Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Military Appeals in the area of military law.

One of the changes in the new manual will require that prior to interrogation the accused or suspect must be advised of his right to legal counsel and will be permitted to have counsel present at his interrogation.

Another change will raise the maximum punishment value in larceny cases to \$50 and \$100. The former figures were \$20 and \$50.



THE TC&S TRAINS SOLDIERS—

First...

Last...

Always...

by SP4 Ted Sauceman

The United States Army Security Agency Training Center and School (TC&S) is a relatively young organization. Yet, in its brief existence, it has undergone consistent and rapid expansion.

It had its beginnings in 1941 as a new branch of the Signal Corps School at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. One year later the school moved to Vint Hill Farms Station at Warrenton, Va.

When the USASA was founded in 1945, the Chief of the Agency assumed control of the activities at Vint Hill Farms. In 1946 the Vint Hill branch was officially designated the ASA School. Ever expanding, the School founded a branch at Arlington Hall Station and later all the branches were consolidated at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. This was the first time that all elements of the School were housed under the same roof.

The police action in Korea made it apparent that the existing facilities could never meet the ever-increasing demands for trained Agency personnel, and in November 1950, Ft. Devens was picked as the new home of the School. Without interruption of its mission, the activities were phased out at Carlisle Barracks and simultaneously expanded at Ft. Devens.

The task was completed within a period of five months, and by April 1951 the School was fully operative.

In 1957 the School was officially redesignated the USASA Training Center and School.

Commanded by COL Robert W. Des Jarlais, the TC&S is the largest single command at Ft. Devens, and boasts the only Training Regiment left in the U.S. Army.

The Training Regiment is composed of two student battalions of seven companies and a Headquarters Company of more than 1,000 men.

LTC Oliver F. Raymond recently took command of the Training Regiment. MAJ James R. Woods com-

mands the 1st Battalion and MAJ Ray D. MacKinnon Jr. the 2d. Permanent party personnel and one battalion of students live in permanent buildings. Permanent buildings are being constructed for the other student battalion, which now is housed in two-story wooden structures.

Although the primary mission of the TC&S is to train men to perform their function within the USASA structure, its unwritten mission is to make men into soldiers—first, last and always. It produces soldiers who are wise to the requirements of garrison, field and combat, and who can take their place in any situation and carry out their duties as soldier/technicians.

The Tactical Training Course (TTC), was set up at the Training Center and School to train USASA soldiers to operate and survive in a combat area. The TTC lasts for 10 days and nights, and consists of weapons familiarization, driver training, individual and small unit tactics, survival, and escape and evasion. The lessons learned in the TTC are applicable to any part of the world where an individual must know how to fight and survive in order to accomplish his mission.

The TTC complex contains two villages constructed to approximate conditions that exist in Southeast Asia. First, a "fighting village," complete with a tunnel system, rice paddies, and spider-trap foxholes. Second, a "friendly village" with thatched roofs, Buddhist shrine, and sapling fence.



The Continental Army Platoon is a revived edition of the 14th Continental Massachusetts Infantry, complete with authentic uniforms and muskets.

In addition, there are a number of other training areas, such as the "booby trap" area, designed to familiarize the soldier with various types of killer devices that might confront him in the field.

The 10-day training period is rugged, but it affords the USASA soldier the most realistic training possible short of actual combat.

Realizing that all study and no play makes Jack a dull student, the TC&S gives each newly-arrived soldier the opportunity to participate in a variety of special events to occupy some of his spare time while assigned to Ft. Devens.

For the musically inclined student, there is a marching and concert band and the Tall Men's Chorus, each constantly in demand for concerts and parades in civilian communities and at military activities.

Those desiring membership in a precision marching unit are offered the teal-blue scarf and black helmet of the Honor Guard, while the historically inclined student might choose the tri-cornered hat and musket of the Continental Army Platoon, a revived edition of the 1776 14th Continental Massachusetts Infantry.

For the TC&S student with an Oriental background, there is the Menehune Platoon, a group that has appeared as Viet Cong in motion pictures and entertains in the Hawaiian fashion for local clubs, churches and civic group meetings. The group's primary purpose, however, is to play



Members of the USASA TC&S Menehune Platoon pose with a Viet Cong flag and captured weapons which they use in their capacity as "VC" during the TTC.

the part of aggressors at the Tactical Training Course.

The American Heritage Platoon maintains Heritage Hall, and carries the flags of the 50 states in parades and reviews. Heritage Hall is the TC&S museum. It houses military exhibits dating from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam conflict.

These and other TC&S groups and activities are all part of the American Heritage program, serving as a constant reminder of America's heritage. Ft. Devens is the largest military installation in the New England area. It is located only 30 miles from the Atlantic coast and is in the heart of historic New England. Thirty miles to

the east is the thriving metropolis of Boston, an ultramodern city with a history steeped in tradition. "Freedom Trail," "Bunker Hill," "Old Ironsides" and many other historical monuments are located in the area.

Ft. Devens offers a number of activities for the USASA soldier. There are three theaters, a swimming pool, two lakes, a golf course, recreation clubs, and two cafeterias.

As a former winner of the Commanding General's Plaque, the USASA Training Center and School is a good example of the many progressive components of the USASA and of the modern U.S. Army.



The members of the American Heritage Platoon carry the state flags in parades and ceremonies and maintain Heritage Hall, the USASA TC&S museum.



Acts of heroism take a variety of shapes and forms, ranging from David's brief but convincing encounter with Goliath, to Casper Q. Milquetoast's request for matches with his cigarettes.

Most of us must be content with undramatic heroics, such as taking a shower without hot water or having an extra helping of mess hall fried liver.

For some, however, heroism takes on different proportions. Here are three examples.

SSG Herbert A. Berry, Jr. was a member of the 403d Special Operations Detachment, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Last spring he volunteered to participate in a Mobile Strike Force sweep operation in the city of Pleiku.

The sweep was progressing smoothly enough until enemy automatic weapons fire pinned SSG Berry's group down. Reacting quickly, he regrouped his men and determinedly led them in an assault.

As the fighting moved from house to house, SSG Berry spotted an elderly blind woman wandering into the line of fire. In the midst of the gunfire, he ran to her, picked her up, and carried her 30 yards to the safety of his unit. While SSG Berry was carrying the woman, a propane gas tank exploded, knocking him down and leaving him wounded.

SSG Berry refused medical attention and rejoined his colleagues still in

a tale of heroes and heroism

battle. For his unusual feat, this unusual man was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (First Oak Leaf Cluster).

The second example involves a soldier from the 8th Radio Research Field Station who was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his actions.

SSG Lesley C. Coppinger worked in the 8th's communications center. During an especially vigorous enemy offensive last spring, as rocket fire and mortars rained down upon the compound, SSG Coppinger remained in the communications center, which had been evacuated by all other personnel. Alone, he continued to operate the commcenter and enabled his unit to keep up its vital flow of communications. Though finding himself in a highly combustible situation, SSG Coppinger kept calm, always a desirable trait but one that in this case may have saved many lives.

MSG Harold A. Morris Jr. is the third example. MSG Morris, while

with the 303d Radio Research Battalion, was riding with his company commander and a driver in the lead vehicle of a convoy when the enemy detonated three nearby mines.

The explosion sent shrapnel flying into MSG Morris' jeep and the vehicle just behind it. MSG Morris was seriously wounded, but he dragged himself out of the jeep and, finding that his commanding officer was already dead, began caring for the driver.

Hampered by sniper fire, he carried the driver away from the jeep to a ditch where he administered first aid. He then moved him to the relative safety of an undamaged truck.

The snipers were unrelenting, yet MSG Morris crawled back to his jeep and recovered the body of his company commander. This done, he extracted the five occupants of the second immobilized vehicle.

The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device was presented to MSG Morris for his unselfish and effective reactions. Heroism is more than just the right set of circumstances; it is a combination of the circumstances and the man. These three men are heroes because of the manner in which they approached unusual and challenging circumstances.

Our "heroic" deeds go on—another shower without hot water, another helping of fried liver—seeming paler now. ■

CSM Charron Given Legion Americanism Award

CSM Clifford L. Charron is the first man in the United States to be honored with the American Legion Americanism Award.

The Americanism Award is being given by state Legion organizations in connection with the 50th Anniversary of the American Legion this year. It is awarded to those who, by their work and example, demonstrate a special and untiring dedication to the United States, its institutions and ideals.

CSM Charron was cited for his efforts in fostering and promoting the ideals of Americanism within the enlisted ranks of the United States Army Security Agency. The award citation stated that his "personal display of 100 per cent Americanism is an example for all patriotic citizens."

The award presentation was made during a banquet meeting of the George Washington American Legion Post 66 at the McCreary Restaurant in Alexandria, Va. on August 29. State Legion Commander Gordon Ragsdale made the presentation.

Since becoming the top enlisted man in the Agency a little over two years ago, CSM Charron has traveled to virtually every USASA unit to visit with the enlisted personnel. ■

CSM Clifford Charron stands with Legion officials following the award ceremony. From left: Master of Ceremonies Louis Ricker, State Commander Gordon Ragsdale, CSM Charron, Post 66 Commander Frank Keppel and Executive Committeeman SSG Leonard Economou.





HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

Legion of Merit

COLONEL: Robert Sherwood (1)*.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Samuel J. Bistany, Jack A. Dodds, Joel B. Fallon, Robert J. Gerst, Irving K. Riper, Donald D. Yoxtheimer (1)*.
MAJOR: Joseph Colello, Norman E. Jorgensen (1)*, Rocco Navarro, William H. Pike II, William F. Rigo, James P. Scherck (1)*, Oscar L. Shuler, Walter D. Tanner.
CAPTAIN: Robert G. Dow.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Elwood W. Zeigler.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Richard W. Foote.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Johnnie G. McCollum.
SERGEANT MAJOR: William C. Dials, David O. Paxton.
MASTER SERGEANT: James R. Daniel.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Forrest H. Inskeep.
SPECIALIST 7: Bennett Bell.
SPECIALIST 4: Edward W. Minnock Jr.

Bronze Star Medal

MAJOR: Lewis R. Ireland.
CAPTAIN: John R. Forrister, Edwin A. Roloson.
FIRST LIEUTENANT: Paul Bailey.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Thomas E. Davis
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: James R. Ross, Jethro Seabron, Elvis H. Stout.
STAFF SERGEANT: Herbert A. Berry, Jr. (1)*, Peter E. Gould.
SPECIALIST 5: John Piccinino, John C. Simmions.

Air Medal

MAJOR: Joseph Colello, Jr. (9-19)*
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Henry E. Mausolf (20-24)*.
SPECIALIST 5: Bernard E. Leib (9)*, Byron E. McDaniel (13)*, James L. McMeekin (4-14)*

Army Commendation Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Richard M. Bradish, John P. Brown (1)*, Harry E. Leshner Jr., Eldred S. Sessions.
MAJOR: Raymond A. Beaupre, Lowell G. Bronsak (1)*, Edwin D. Brow (2)*, Gale M. Dunham, Alfred B. Harter, Don C. Hobaugh, Norman W. Littlejohn, Joaquim D. Martins (2)*, Robert G. Mize, James B. Norris (1)*, Richard A. Paradiso (1)*, Joseph A. Runnels, Bernard J. Sammon, Joseph F. Short (1)*,

Richard L. Tallman, Paul E. Zehngraft.
CAPTAIN: James S. Black (1)*, Benjamin P. Campo, Lee W. Gentry (1)*, Jerry R. Hurst, Bruce P. Polydys, Walton G. Watring, Ronald W. Witzel.
FIRST LIEUTENANT: David C. Dacey, David J. Hrabosky, Charles J. McLaughlin, Robert A. Patterson, Robert C. Williams, Jr.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Thomas G. Hackney, Oral E. LaBrake.
WARRANT OFFICER: Thomas J. Potter, Thomas R. Sullivan.
SERGEANT MAJOR: Robert E. Holder (1)*, Temple T. Nunally, Jr., Jefferson M. Rhodes, Jr.
FIRST SERGEANT: James A. Beckham, Price H. Easley (1)*, Raymond D. Fenters, Francis M. Ingrassia (1)*.
MASTER SERGEANT: Norman L. Brooks (1)*, Harold DeRose (1)*, Lawrence F. Devereaux, James H. Hawkins (4)*, David R. Hawks (1)*, John R. Lawson, Norman E. Owens.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Dan J. Barr, Edgar A. Carr, Robert C. Daniel (1)*, Jimmy D. Duke, Robert L. Dyer, James R. Epps (1)*, Richard S. Evans, Bobby R. Forrester (1)*, Ren S. Jacoby, John T. Jones, Arly D. Keel (1)*, Donald B. Kypta, Platt W. Lacombe, Billy R. Mallory (1)*, John L. Manor, Robert W. McCormick (2)*, James J. McGowan, John T. Nix, Eugene V. Peckinpugh, James D. Perkins, Ernest C. Peters, John P. Quinn, Juan Rabasa (1)*, Thomas W. Rozanski (1)*, Walter C. Sams, Robert A. Stewart, Marvin Tobe Jr. (1)*, James E. Whitehurst (1)*, John F. Wolfe.
STAFF SERGEANT: Donald Barrich, Michael D. Belshaw, William A. Bress, Richard G. Culver, Larry E. Coffman, Richard J. Domine, Richard D. Dupuy, John D. Fletcher, James O. Henry, Jerry L. Hill, Michael C. Ireton, Gerald L. Moore, Ralph L. Pranger, Theodore R. Pratt, Jr., Gary D. Stout, Dewey H. Walters (2)*.
SPECIALIST 6: Conrad H. Dover, Philip H. Maynard.
SERGEANT: Russel B. Nielsen, Ben Przesmicki.
SPECIALIST 5: Roger K. Beauers, James R. Berry, Peter J. Capoccia, Carl H. Dixon, Kenneth M. Gates, Kenneth C. Greenwalt, Michael A. Harsh, William R. Loud, Jr., Patrick G. Masters, James L. McMeekin, William R. Miller, Dennis R. Shoub, Gary L. Sensenig, Dennis Vaughan,
SPECIALIST 4: James A. DeHart, Clarence E. Esters, James C. Guy, Donald L.

Kirts, Henry I. Lanham, Ronald R. Parle, Richard E. Thomas II.

*Indicates number of Oak Leaf Cluster(s) received.

Retirement

COLONEL: Robert Sherwood
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Irving K. Riper, Oley O. Snyder.
MAJOR: James P. Scherck
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Thomas G. Hackney.
SERGEANT MAJOR: William O. Hurst.
MASTER SERGEANT: Howard C. Bass.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Aubary J. Booth, Leroy C. Henry, Enoch L. Patterson, Thomas W. Rozanski.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Quality Pay Increase

Mrs. Janet C. Hart.

Sustained Superior Performance Awards

James Carter, James Fuller and Mrs. Betty Schaad.

Outstanding Performance Awards

Mrs. Kay Cooper and George W. Gustin.

Patriotic Civilian Service Award

Mrs. Evelyn Shenk.

Length of Service Awards

40-Year: James Walker.
30-Year: Theodore W. Buschman, Emmitt A. Goodnight, Jesse W. Hodges, Charles M. Macali and Walter F. Werschler.
20-Year: Mrs. Bettie C. Duncan, John D. Kelly, John J. Kendall, Norbert J. Kopanski, Walter Laws, Jr., Abraham McKeython, Gwyn E. Murdock, John M. O'Hara, James J. Pulchine, James F. Ritter Jr., Mrs. Anne R. Stephens and Edward L. Whitney.
10-Year: Mrs. Ernestine P. Brown, Richard L. Burnett, Earl W. Burton, Ronald T. Edmonds, Bernard W. Fletcher, Mrs. Judith S. Frizzell, Blair Garrett, Donald F. Geisler, Kenneth E. Gough, Lester E. Gross Jr., Mrs. Ella J. Hamby, Mrs. Janet C. Hart, Frezell O. Johnson, John D. Johnson, Mrs. Amelia M. Jordan, Gary K. Koontz, John A. Lehtio, Robert M. Lynn, Miss Marion L. Obenauer, Mrs. Ella C. Pruitt, Bernard E. Reynolds, Mrs. Geraldine F. Sargent, Godfrey Slaughter, William Spring and Thomas F. Timlin.



R AND R REPORT

USASA sports, recreation and entertainment

BOWLING

Massachusetts—Team #1, HQ Co, ASATR, claims a post record for its performance June 27. The five man team rolled a single set of 1004 with a three-set total of 2764. This comes out to an average of 184 per man.

The team was also first in season competition with a 35-1 record and won the company level Double Elimination Tourney. Team member SP6 David Roberts received the trophy for high average (179.8) during the Devens Company Level Summer League.

Thailand—On August 27, SSG Edward "Brad" Brautlacht, 83rd RRSOU, Bangkok, bowled the highest three game set in the league's history: 231-215-245—691. SSG Brautlacht has the high league average of 194.

Maryland—1SG Stanley R. Owen, 414th ASA Det (ACR) earned the title of Bowler of the Month (6th Cav Div) by averaging 196 in a six-game roll-off. His high game was 234.

Japan—FS Chitose conducted a special 16-game roll-off in August to select bowlers for Japan-wide tourneys. Named to the First Team were MSG Tom Green 186, SSG Bill Beyerlin 185, SFC Jim Brown 181, SP5 Steve Modrey 181, SFC Ernie Edmonds 177 and SSG Quinn 176.

Earlier, FS Chitose bowlers swept every first place category in an Inter-Service Bowling Tournament. "All Events" honors were captured by SSG Bill Beyerlin with a 2211 score for 12 games. In the Doubles event, SP4 Phil Forbes and SP5 Jerome Schulte put together series of 591 and 592 to win. SP5 Steve Modrey took the Singles event with 578, while SP4 Phil Forbes rolled the tourney High Game—266.

PFC Keith York, 2d Bn, USASATR, slides into home plate during the recent Ft. Devens Little Series. Unfortunately, the team lost the game and the series to the Ft. Devens Army Hospital team. York was safe at home on a close call. (Photo by SP5 Vernon Wicks)



1SG Stanley R. Owen, 414th USASA Det (ACR), Ft. Meade, was named August Bowler of the Month for the 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment. (Photo by PFC J. Cummings)

FISHING

Virginia—A 13-inch rockfish, the first caught this season in the Chesapeake Bay, was caught by SP4 Allan R. Burks on a DCSOPS fishing trip this summer. SSG Sammie Davis, who caught the most fish, donated his catch to a local orphanage.

PHOTO CONTEST

Germany—First place winners at FS Bad Aibling in the *Bavarian Observer* Photo Contest were SP5 Charles Adotta (General category) and SP4 John Hennessy (Action). Both received \$10.00. Judges were CPT Edgar Moore, SSG Joe Dixon and SP5 Walter Tinsley.

SWIMMING

Virginia—In the military division of a swim meet at FS Vint Hill Farms, 1LT Alan Hanford captured first place in the 50-yard freestyle, followed by SP5 Ray Treff and PFC Tom Bates. 2LT Dave Eyster was followed by SP5 Ken Cummings in the 50-yard breast stroke.

Massachusetts—In the Annual Ft. Devens Swimming Meet the 2d Bn, USATR 10-man team placed first in every swimming event except one which was won by 1st Bn. PFCs Hartman, Tumbry and Israel each winning three first places.

Ethiopia—Twelve new pool records were set by junior swimmers in the latest Open Swimming Championships at FS Asmara.

Could you swim 50 miles (that's about 3,000 lengths of a standard-sized pool) if you had a year to do it in? Three Kagnev servicemen received American Red Cross certificates for this accomplishment, and nearly 30 more are participating in the program.

TV QUIZ SHOW

Japan—On July 3 the AFRTS TV station at FS Chitose televised a special live panel show based on the TV show "Concentration". In this special Independence Day program contestants were shown parts of names or locations of famous American figures or places. Points were given for matching the panels and giving the historical significance of the panels shown. SP5 Tom Rush and SP5 Jerome Peirano, B Co's winning team, each received a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

MSG Bill Cochran moderates "Independence Concentration," panel show special on FS Chitose TV. From left: SP4 Michael Hoffpauir and SP4 Bill Evans, CO A, compete against SP5 Tom Rush and SP5 Jerome Peirano, Co B. (Photo by SP5 S. D. Bays)





A shotgun enthusiast at FS Chitose's Northern Isle Sportsmen's Club fires at a clay pigeon at the club's skeet range. (Photo by SP5 S. D. Bays)

GOLF

Panama—LTC George R. Mullin, XO, USASASC, recently shot a hole-in-one at the Ft. Clayton Golf Course with a #4 iron. Earlier USASASC downed STRATCOM 16-6 in their quarterly golf tourney. SP4 Randall R. Mills and SP5 Curtis Cottingham tied for low gross with 78s, followed by SGT John W. McGregor and SP4 Rick W. Davey, 80; SSG Louis P. Vaira, 85; and LTC Mullin, 89.

Ethiopia—Mike Salko, FS Asmara, won the Mediterranean Golf Tournament in Athens, Greece, with post champ SP4 Gary Schweiger placing sixth among 70 golfers competing (see August R&R Report). In team ratings FS Asmara took third place.

BADMINTON & TENNIS

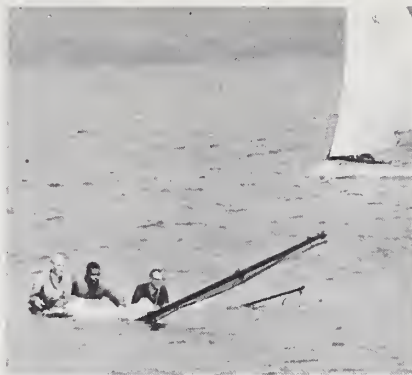
Maryland—In USASA Spt Gp badminton competition, SP4 Charles Mummert took the singles championship while SP5 Donald Juran and SP5 James T. Fuller were the doubles winners.

Massachusetts—In the Badminton portion of Ft. Devens Small Games Championships, TC&S winners were: first—1LT James Day and SSG Raymond Dion; second—SP4 Larry Aurant, SP4 Gerald Elliot and SSG James Smith. In the table tennis competition, PFC Dennis Mitchell placed second.

Germany—SP4 Rick Reynolds and PFC Nick Bollo, FS Bad Aibling, took second in their district Command Invitational Tennis Tournament doubles competition, and second and third respectively in singles.

TRACK

Germany—PFC Alan B. Campbell, FS Herzo, represented COMZ in the USAREUR Track and Field Meet in August. PFC Campbell finished fourth in the javelin throw with a heave of 181 ft., 8 in.



FS Hakata's sailors get off to a wet start. Later in the season they went on to win first place in several regattas.

SAILING

Japan—Skipper CPT Stephen Olson and CPT John Ott, FS Hakata, won all their races to take first place in the July 7 annual Japanese-American Friendship Sailing Regatta. Earlier, in the Hakata Bay Regatta CPT Robert Pokorny, CPT Stephen Olson and Mr. Floyd Cotton placed first in class and in overall standings. They were the first American crew to ever win this regatta!

SKEET SHOOT

Japan—Winners in a summer skeet and trap shooting match at the Northern Isle Sportsmen's Club at FS

Chitose included: Trap Class B; first—SP5 Albert Bevard, second—SP5 Joseph Panici; Skeet—First—SP4 Timothy Brown; and second—SP4 Richard Moscheo.

THEATER

Texas—Five members of Goodfellow Det. have parts in "Roguary On The River" or "The Great Goober Grab", a recent production of the San Angelo Civic Theater. SSG Tom Cagley had to leave the production on short notice and SP5 Dennis Baer took over with less than 24 hours notice. The others were SP5 Greg Norberg, SP5 Bob Schilke and SP5 Gary Vosper.

SOFTBALL

Virginia—The FS Vint Hill Farms Vikings won the First Army Softball Tournament in August for the second year in a row. Five consecutive tourney wins brought the Vikings season record to 39 wins and only 14 losses.

The team earlier won the Washington Military Area B Division Championship. Pitcher CW2 Bob Lancaster was named Most Valuable Player and All-Tourney pitcher. Shortstop SP4 Chip Jones and first baseman SP4 Rich Williams were also named to the All-Tourney team.

Korea—The ASA Ops Co Pyong Taek Homesteaders team had a perfect 26-0 season record in the Camp Humphreys District Softball League. SFC Roy E. Nichols is coach.

Germany—The only loss in the 15 game season of the FS Bad Aibling softball team was to FS Herzo, 5-4 in extra innings.

Catcher SP4 Don Dysand of the FS Vint Hill Farms Vikings, beats out a close one at first base against Ft. Story during the First Army Softball Tournament. The Vikings won this game 9-1 and all their tournament games.



373d Co Earns III Corps Award

The 373d USASA Company (Armd) has been awarded a III Corps Superior Unit Award for the second year in a row.

The 373d was one of ten units of the 2nd Armored Division selected for the honor. MG Leonard C. Shea, acting III Corps commander, presented the streamers and certificates to 373d CO, CPT John J. Delaney, and company first sergeant, 1SG Kermit O. Twedt on August 30.

The ceremony took place at "Hell-on-Wheels Field," Ft. Hood, Texas, before the assembled colors of the entire Division.

Distinguished units are selected annually from all units belonging to III Corps. They are chosen on a competitive basis, with the major areas of consideration being Command Maintenance Management Inspections, Adjutant General Inspections, safety, re-enlistment, POR qualification, administration, training, and overall performance. The 373d surpassed the criteria for selection in all the above areas and gained further points for ex-

cellence in Command Post Exercises at division and corps levels.

The 373d Company is the only Agency unit possessing this award. ■



LTC Eugene S. Sanford (right) CO, 311th USASA Bn, CPT Jack J. Delaney (left), and SGT Jeffery Ehrhart, Guidon Bearer, show III Corps awards.

CHAMPUS Offers Medical Benefits

CHAMPUS is neither an obscure member of the simian family nor the grounds of your old alma mater. It's a program whereby eligible individuals can receive a wide range of civilian health care services with a considerable share of the cost paid for by the Government.

CHAMPUS stands for the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services. Those eligible for its benefits include the spouses and children of servicemen on active duty or who have died on active duty, and retired servicemen, their spouses and children, who are entitled to retirement benefits.

Under CHAMPUS, the beneficiary pays a share of the "reasonable" medical expenses and the Government pays the remainder. Civilian contract agencies serve as fiscal agents to determine whether the medical costs are reasonable, that is, in line with current medical charges in the community.

CHAMPUS covers a broad spectrum of health care services, although certain services, such as providing domestic or custodial help, dental care (except as a necessary part of medical treatment), eye glasses or hearing aids, are not included.

But the services covered and the savings are great. For inpatient care, beneficiaries of active duty servicemen pay \$1.75 a day or \$25, whichever is greater. All other bene-

ficiaries pay 25 per cent of the reasonable charges and the Government pays the remainder.

CHAMPUS outpatient benefits vary according to the amount of the total bill and the number of eligible beneficiaries in each family. Generally, the beneficiary pays the first \$50 each fiscal year and a percentage of the costs over the \$50 deductible cost.

Many civilian sources participate in CHAMPUS, yet participation is entirely voluntary. When dealing with a CHAMPUS participant, the beneficiary only pays his portion of the costs; the Government's share is handled by the source of the medical service and the Government's fiscal agent.

However, if a beneficiary obtains health care from a physician or other civilian source who does not participate in CHAMPUS he must pay the bill in full and subsequently request reimbursement. To avoid confusion and streamline the process, it is best to first inquire whether the civilian source participates in the program.

CHAMPUS is an important program to all servicemen and their beneficiaries. It is detailed not to be confusing, but to be precise. For all the details write:

The Executive Director, CHAMPUS
OTSG, Department of the Army
Denver, Colorado 80240

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— Mail Dates —

CONUS-based personnel who want to send Christmas cards and gifts to their friends overseas have been provided a mail date timetable by the Department of Defense and the Post Office Department.

Although the exact same dates do not apply to oversea servicemen who want to send packages to the U.S., they do provide a rough guideline. In general, the earlier you mail your packages, the better your chance of having them reach their U.S. destination by Christmas.

The mail dates are: surface mail, Oct. 14 to Nov. 9; space available mail, Oct. 21 to Nov. 23; parcel air lift, Oct. 28 to Nov. 30; and air mail, Nov. 30 to Dec. 11.

— Drug Abuse —

by MAJ Joaquim D. Martins

America is a land of many ideas. At times these ideas may differ from the expected norm, but these differences of opinion are what makes America great. The right to voice your thoughts and experiment with your convictions is truly a worthwhile goal.

However, let us look at the whole picture, of which you are but one subject.

Do you have the right to attempt to influence others when you know your ideas are contrary to the established law? If, in your opinion, the law is wrong, then change it. But change it through lawful means. Don't violate the law in order to bring about change.

Throughout history, especially the history of these United States, very few, if any, laws have been changed as a result of an unlawful act.

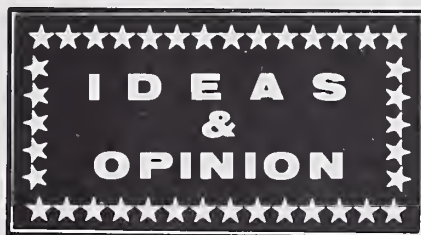
The law enforcement agencies deal harshly with violators of the law, whether it be in the area of drunkenness, speeding or drugs.

The illegal use of drugs throughout the United States has been on the increase for a number of years. This is a known fact, and more stringent measures are being taken every day by courts throughout the land to curb this use. You, as a soldier, violate the law, both local and Federal, when you indulge in either experimentation with

drugs or as a full-time abuser of drugs.

In addition to possible punishment, a potential abuser of drugs should remember that drugs can harm the body as well as the mind. If you are unconcerned about the ramifications; i.e., being caught for illegal use of drugs, then so be it.

However, think not only of yourself, but think about your parents, wife, friends and associates who would suffer in some way by the stigma, or by your absence—an absence which will undoubtedly come about as a result of your illegal act.



—Editors' School—

The Defense Information School now conducts a three-week Newspaper Editor Course, designed for enlisted men who edit unit or post newspapers or who are slated for such positions. There has been some shortfall in filling Army quotas. Information Officers are encouraged to send eligible editors to DINFOS for this schooling. Further information may be obtained from: Commandant, Defense Information School, ATTN: Director of Instruction, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana 46216.

— Tax Tip —

If you haven't already taken care of it, military personnel should check with finance to insure that sufficient money is being withheld each month to cover the new 10 per cent surcharge. Although President Johnson signed the new law in July, it is retroactive to April 1, 1968. The four-month difference should be considered when you calculate your tax obligation for the year.

As I See It

By Clifford L. Charron

Command
Sergeant Major



In May, I was privileged to visit a unit of our command that is not only remote from its parent unit, but is also far removed from all other U. S. Army units.

Anyone who visited this post would be as proud as I was during the two days that I visited, talked and socialized with the soldiers of TUSLOG Detachment 4-4 in Karamursel, Turkey.

Do you remember the adage "By their deeds alone you will know them"? This typifies the men of TUSLOG 4-4. At the time of my visit, our men were performing their duties as expertly and productively in temporary operational facilities as anyone ever did in permanent buildings.

The unit is quartered on an Air Force base, and the USASA structure is the only building on the entire 60-acre post that is U.S. Army. Although they are a small minority of the 1,200 men on the installation, our soldiers have compiled a fine record in base activities. For example, our men recently won the base volleyball championship and many serve as officials of the NCO and EM clubs. One of our soldiers is the president of the Rod and Gun Club. USASA wives are also active in many civic and post activities.

TUSLOG Det 4-4 is a proud outfit, commanded by a fine officer, MAJ Edward J. Cima and led by a top first sergeant, 1SG Foskey, and manned by the finest soldiers in the Army.

Gentlemen, my compliments. Your actions are a credit to the U. S. Army and you are excellent ambassadors of good will in a foreign country. Most important, you maintain and raise the outstanding image that USASA has earned throughout the world.

FLARE



10 September 1968

Dear General Denholm,

On behalf of the personnel of the Naval Security Group Command, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the twenty-third anniversary of the activation of the Army Security Agency.

We in the Naval Security Group are aware of the outstanding contributions which have been made by your fine organization and greatly appreciate the cooperation and assistance and support which you have given us in past years.

I extend to you best wishes for continued success in pursuit of our common objectives.

Sincerely,

John W. C. Denholm
R. R. COOK
NADM, U. S. Navy

Major General C. J. Denholm, USA
Commanding General
Army Security Agency
1400 Arlington Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY COMBAT DEVELOPMENTS COMMAND
FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA 22034

10 September 1968

Dear General Denholm:

The United States Army Combat Developments Command is pleased to join you in celebrating the twenty-third anniversary of the activation of the Army Security Agency on 15 September 1945.

In fulfilling your essential role in our Nation's security, your command has repeatedly demonstrated professional competence and the high dedication of its personnel.

The Army Security Agency's efforts in combat developments have resulted in a very productive six year association between our commands.

Best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

John W. C. Denholm
John W. C. Denholm
Lieutenant General, US Army
Commanding

Major General Charles J. Denholm
Commanding General
Army Security Agency
1400 Arlington Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22212

UNITED STATES ARMY
THE CHIEF OF STAFF

TO ALL MEMBERS OF
THE UNITED STATES ARMY SECURITY AGENCY

On behalf of the men and women of the United States Army, I extend hearty congratulations and best wishes to the members of the United States Army Security Agency on the occasion of its twenty-third anniversary.

For more than two decades the Army Security Agency has been in the forefront in contributing to the security of our Nation, and has accomplished its mission with a high degree of professional competence. Today, the Army Security Agency plays a key role in enhancing the effectiveness of the Army's efforts toward the security of the United States and the Free World.

I join with all members of the United States Army in expressing pride in your past accomplishments and in voicing confidence in your future successes.

W. C. Westmoreland
W. C. WESTMORELAND
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff



NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE MARYLAND 20755

DIRECTOR

12 September 1968

Major General Charles J. Denholm, USA
Commanding General
United States Army Security Agency
Arlington Hall Station
Arlington, Virginia 22212

Dear General:

On behalf of the men and women of the National Security Agency, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the twenty-third anniversary of the establishment of the Army Security Agency.

All of us at NSA are well aware of the outstanding contributions which you and your organization have made to the vital mission of safeguarding the Nation's freedom and security, and we are proud to be associated with you in this continuing effort.

I compliment you on the distinguished record of service which your organization has compiled over the past year, and I extend best wishes for continued success in the pursuit of our common goals.

Faithfully yours,

Marshall S. Carter
MARSHALL S. CARTER
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS
U. S. ARMY INTELLIGENCE COMMAND
FORT HOLABROOK WARELAND 2149

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9 September 1968

SUBJECT: Anniversary Message

Commanding General
United States Army Security Agency
Arlington Hall Station
Arlington, Virginia 22212

1. On behalf of the members of the United States Army Intelligence Command, I extend congratulations to you and all members of the United States Army Security Agency on the occasion of your 23rd anniversary.

2. Your command has distinguished itself by displaying singular competence and high dedication in the performance of its mission of intelligence community. As a sister agency within the intelligence community, this command takes particular pride in your accomplishments.

3. I am confident that the U. S. Army Security Agency will continue to make significant contributions to the national defense effort through cooperation and prestige to all elements of military intelligence.

William H. Blakeley
WILLIAM H. BLAKELEY
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

The above letters of congratulation and others
like them were received by MG Denholm on
the 23rd Anniversary of the United States
Army Security Agency